

Total number of schools 4,185

Total Enrollment 2,010,000

State Funding for K-12 facilities, 1993-94 No assistance provided

**Total State and Local District
School Construction Spending, 1995-96** \$611,361,000

CURRENT CONDITIONS

89 percent of schools report a need to upgrade or repair building to good overall condition

62 percent of schools report at least one inadequate building feature (e.g. roof, plumbing, electrical, windows, HVAC)

70 percent of schools report at least one unsatisfactory environmental factor (e.g. air quality, ventilation, acoustics heating, lighting)

19 students per computer

In 1997-98, Illinois paid \$932,737,000 in interest on school debt.

PROJECTED NEEDS

Range of amounts needed to upgrade or repair a school to good overall condition: \$500 to \$20,000,000

Enrollment in Illinois over the last decade increased 12 percent. From 1998 to 2008 projected state enrollment in elementary and secondary schools is expected to decrease by 5,000 students (-.2 percent)

Illinois currently has approximately 60 facilities that are over 100 years old. Just to replace these facilities would cost \$1 billion. (Source: Memorandum from Illinois State Board of Education to Illinois House Republican Staff, December 1998)